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Applicant: MULLER, Markus

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION And PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated September 24, 2003, having a shortened period for reply set to expire December 24, 2003. Accompanying this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time. January 24, 2004 is a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on Monday, January 26, 2004.

Accompanying this response is a letter to the Official Draftsman and formal drawings of Figures 1 and 2.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled "Specification Amendments".

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".

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